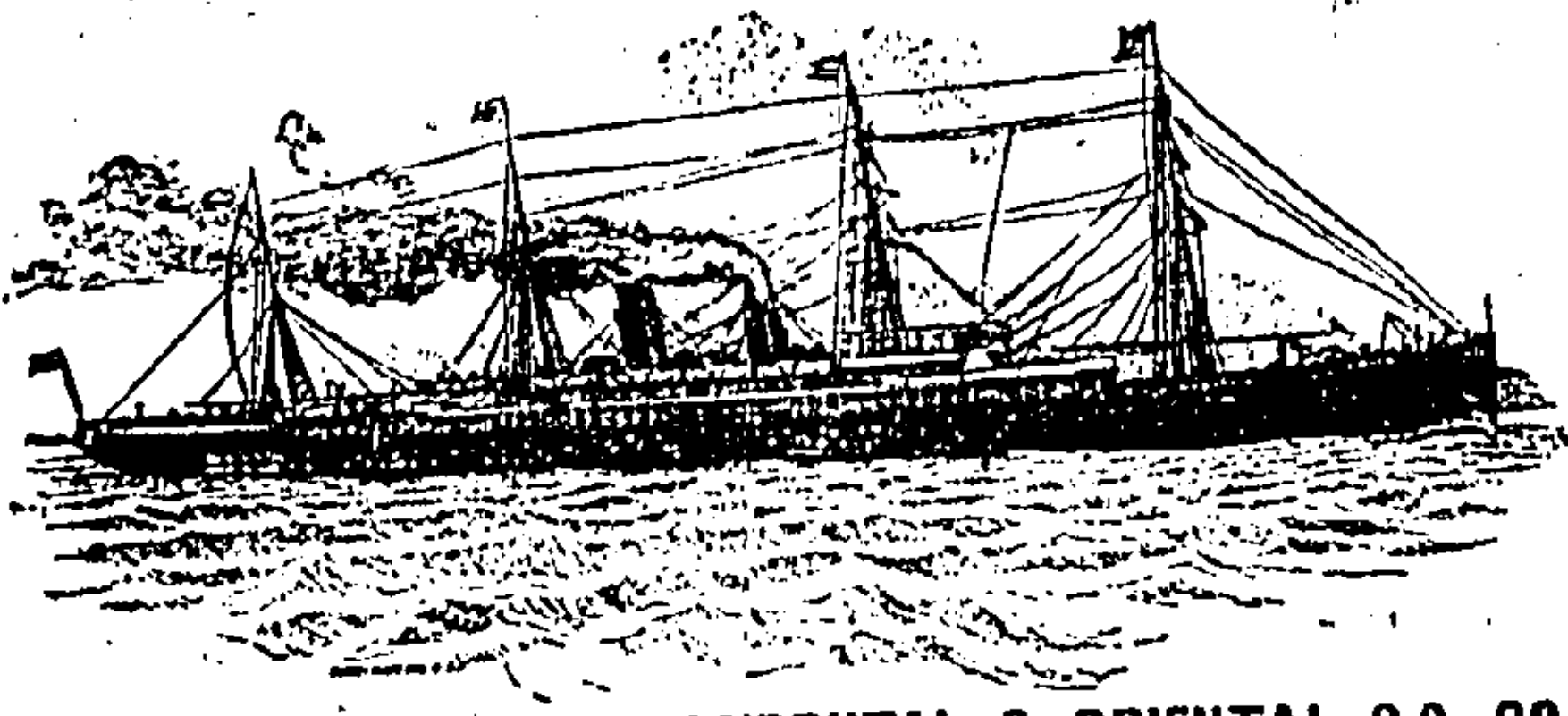


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"EMPERESS OF INDIA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 22nd April.
"TARTAR"	4,425 "	WEDNESDAY, 6th May.
"EMPERESS OF JAPAN"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 13th May.
"ATHENIAN"	3,882 "	WEDNESDAY, 27th May.
"EMPERESS OF CHINA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 3rd June.
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Hongkong, 19th February, 1903.

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THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by
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Hongkong, 24th February, 1903. [209c]

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
GEO. A. CALDWELL,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1903. [221c]

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS in the above Company will be
held at the OFFICES of the Company, Pedder's
Street, on MONDAY, the 2nd day of March,
1903, at 12 o'clock (Noon), to receive a State-
ment of Accounts to 31st December, 1902, and
the Report of the General Managers, and to
elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
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the 2nd March, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
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Hongkong, 9th February, 1903. [156c]

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NOTICE.

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MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS
of the Company will be held at the OFFICES
of the General Agents, on TUESDAY, the
17th March, at NOON, for the purpose of
receiving the Report and Statement of Ac-
counts for the year ending 31st December,
1902.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
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General Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1903. [227c]

NOTICE.

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Hongkong, 23rd February, 1903. [226c]

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OSAKA EXHIBITION.

AN INSPECTION OF THE WORK IN PROGRESS.

As the exhibition is to be opened by 1st March there is an immense amount of work going on, writes a correspondent in the *Japan Gazette*, and strangers are not allowed in the grounds except under very special circumstances. Mr. V. Mohri, the zealous secretary of the exhibition, assured me that it would be ready by that date without fail; that is to say, the buildings and all arrangements so far as concern the Exhibition staff, will be completed, though of course exhibitors are liable to be less punctual.

Mr. Mohri introduced me to the Imperial Commissioners, Mr. H. Ota and Mr. H. Shugio, whom I found most affable and obliging. In the few minutes while I was with them, they had a constant stream of men coming and going, to ask them about this thing or that thing, and frequently a dozen rushing at them at one time from different directions, all wanting some advice or instruction about the work. There seemed to be never a moment's rest for any of them. All is activity and rapid progress. From the inspection of the grounds which I was enabled to make, with Mr. Mohri's guidance, I am quite convinced the exhibition will be a brilliant success.

On entering the grounds, a fac-simile of Nagoya Castle is to be seen, and the interior of the castle will be fitted up as a bazaar replete with every imaginable article under the sun. Near this, the first of the exhibition-halls to be seen is the Industrial and Agricultural Building, industries being on the left and agriculture on the right. It is an immense suite of buildings, full of workmen putting up stands, shelves, show-cases, etc., and as I stood at the entrance of the hall and looked down the long vista, it seemed endless. The ground adjoining the industrial building is laid out tastefully as a garden, European style, with neat parterres and symmetrical paths, fountains, etc., very charmingly arranged. The Fine Art Building looms up in the background; I will come to that later. Passing through the agricultural part, further to the left are buildings for forestry and cattle exhibits. There is a fine large glass house well stocked with a magnificent selection of horticultural specimens, which will be the envy of all flower-lovers.

In the Transportation Building there is a complete railway train with engine and tender, every item of which has been built in Japan. This will remain on show till the exhibition closes and will then be put to ordinary railway use.

There is a large Machinery Building, with boiler already in place for putting the exhibits in motion, but little machinery is there yet. Mr. Mohri, however, is quite sure, judging by the rate at which progress has been made, that all will be ready by March 1st. The Educational Building stands next to it. Messrs. Andrews & George have a building of their own, and I understand the interior will be something specially worth seeing.

There is a big hall bearing the sign "Foreign Sample Building," which when filled up with exhibits will take a good long time to look through. At present there is not very much in it. One exhibit here is a remarkably fine model of the foreign-built warship *Yakumo*. There is also a Swiss chalet, erected by Messrs. Nestlé to display their condensed milk and foods; this is in a more advanced stage of completion than any of the other exhibits, and is quite a charming feature.

Messrs. Bruhl Brothers have a very pretty waterfall set up near the entrance, and will have automobiles going about the grounds. Messrs. Oppenheimer Freres have also a large machinery exhibit; I saw many of their cases not yet unpacked. Messrs. Takata & Co. have on view pictures and plans of notable specimens of iron and steel bridge work, while large spaces are reserved for some of the principal firms, Heller Bros., Rohde & Co., M. Raspe & Co., Heald & Co., and others. The Mitsui Bussan have already got some of their machinery erected. Messrs. Weinberger have a building of their own close by. Messrs. Heller have, for the Austrian Government, a large building with a garden in front, where they will put a fountain throwing a jet of spray 250 feet high. Mr. Horn has a building for machinery, just opposite the Canadian building. Cold storage is provided in a suitable pavilion, near which is a quaintly-constructed band stand in the shape of a pagoda. Just past this is a very large fountain surmounted by a fine statue of the goddess Kwannon, modelled by the Tokyo School of Art.

This brought me to the Fine Art Building, which I mentioned as visible in the distance when first entering the grounds. It is the most imposing edifice of the whole exhibition, and I think it should prove the chief attraction of all. The interior is in semi-Gothic style and very handsomely finished, but there are hardly any of the exhibits there yet. For the convenience of visitors, an office has been established in the hall for Messrs. Kuhn & Komor, who are nominated the sole buying, selling and forwarding agents for the Exhibition. Here all information will be obtainable, and purchasers can have everything done for them in the way of packing and shipping, with certainty of satisfaction, contrasting well with the endless complaints which attended previous exhibitions in Japan. Mr. Komor himself will supervise all arrangements in this department.

Behind the Fine Art building there is a stately Reception Hall, for ceremonial occasions of every sort connected with the exhibition.

The Formosan section will be very attractive, the finishing touches were just being put on it by Formosan workmen.

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Turning to come back, I could not help noticing that the view of the grounds, looking from the Fine Arts Building, is remarkably similar to the general bird's eye view of the last Paris Exhibition; the arrangement of the grounds and the various groups of buildings, the towers and domes and cupolas, have a strong resemblance.

On our way we passed many buildings still in course of erection: tea houses, restaurants, side-shows, etc. There is an enormous beer barrel, where I believe Kirin beer is to be sold. There are cannon from Osaka and Kure arsenals, and a really wonderful model of the *Shishima* from the Navy Dept. Then we entered a huge Prefectural Hall, where each *ken* displays its specialties.

I cannot take up more time with the description of the thousands of other interesting and beautiful things I saw; and I had not seen all, by any means. But I had to go, and I must cut this story short. Mr. Mohri refused to let me thank him for showing me round; he said on the contrary he was indebted to me, for he himself had never yet had an opportunity to get a good look round the exhibition until I came! He also introduced me to Mr. Mitsumura, who publishes an Art catalogue. The translation of this work into English has been entrusted to Messrs. Kuhn & Komor, in connection with their other duties.

"EMPRESS" IN HEAVY WEATHER.

The *Kobe Herald* of the 13th has the following account of the recent voyage of the *Empress of Japan*:

The *Empress of Japan*, which was two days late in arriving at Yokohama this voyage, was delayed by very heavy weather. She ran into a gale two days after leaving Vancouver and experienced a succession of gales for some days afterwards, only one really fine day being enjoyed during the whole run. Notwithstanding this heavy weather, the *Empress* would have arrived in time but for the fact that when a hundred miles off Inuboya she ran into a typhoon which compelled her to lay to for eight hours. She rode the storm beautifully. The sea-bank was all the harder for the passengers to bear because they had just had their first fine day when the typhoon broke upon them. When they encountered such pleasant weather on Sunday they fully expected to carry it with them into port; but in this they were disappointed as on Monday, they were in a worse plight than they had been in at any previous stage of the voyage. Some of the seas (a passenger who came over by the *Empress* assures us) were terrific; but as we have already said, the noble ship rode over them in beautiful form. The typhoon, however, threw her back fully thirty-six hours.

MINING IN THE FAR EAST.

ODESSA, Jan. 11.

The House Committee at Vladivostok has addressed, through the Governor, a petition to the Imperial authorities praying for the removal, or a modification, of the existing prohibitory law against all foreign industrial undertakings, more especially mining works, in the coastal districts of Russian China. The Statute in question, promulgated June 17, 1901, prohibits all foreign mining operations and other industrial exploitation within one hundred miles (about sixty-six miles) of the coast line. The petitioners state that, owing to the lack of native capital, and the absence of any spirit of enterprise on the part of the Russians themselves, there is no immediate prospect of a rational development of the mineral wealth and other industrial resources of that region. It is pointed out also that, as at present administered, this prohibitive law is partial and unsatisfactory in effect. Exceptions are made in the granting of concessions without any comprehensible bases. There has lately arrived at Vladivostok quite a crowd of American, French, and Belgian prospectors, all of them representing wealthy Syndicates, seeking mining concessions on the Ussuri, in Sakhalin, and in the district of Vladivostok.

A powerful French Syndicate recently applied for a concession to work the extensive coalfields in the neighbourhood of Vladivostok. The concession was refused, but it has now been granted to an English Company trading under the Russian flag. This British enterprise will shortly, it is expected, be in a position to furnish both Vladivostok and the Ussuri Railway with a plentiful, good, and cheap supply of coal fuel. Many foreign Syndicates have sought concessions for the exploitation of the silver and lead deposits lately discovered in the Ussuri region; but they were met by the prohibitive law with regard to the working of all kinds of mineral ore by foreigners. What the country requires, the petitioners urge, is, for a number of years at least, a complete freedom of operations for foreign capitalists, engineers, practical miners, and, above all, foreign brains and energy. It is curious to learn from this petition that the mining affairs in all parts of Far Eastern Russia are subordinate to the Mining Commission at Irkutsk, many thousands of versts distant, and necessarily ignorant of the local conditions in the extreme limits of its official jurisdiction. The petition demands that this anomalous state of things be forthwith remedied. Conversely, the petition conveys a direct reproach to the Imperial Government for playing the part of the dog in the manger in the matter of these so-called "coalfields" mining industries in the Far East. It remains to be seen whether the obstructive prohibitive law will be abrogated or modified.

Standard.

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Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1903. [4]

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

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of the HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 10 A.M., TO-DAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 27th instant will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on THURSDAY, the 26th instant, at 9.30 A.M., and MONDAY, the 2nd March, at 10 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 5th March, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1903. [653c]

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"ANDALUSIA,"

Captain von Döhren, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon TO-DAY.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 28th instant will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 28th instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1903. [219c]

S.S. "ERNEST SIMONS."

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London and Havre, ex *S.S. Andora*, and from Bordeaux, ex *S.S. Ville de Rouen*, in connection with above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risks into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 2 P.M., TO-DAY, the 23rd instant, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after MONDAY, the 2nd March, at NOON, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 2nd March, or they will not be recognised.

All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 2nd March, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1903. [1004c]

THE PORTLAND AND ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "INDRAPURA,"

FROM PORTLAND (OR), YOKOHAMA, KOBE, MOJI AND NAGASAKI.

THE above steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

ALLAN CAMERON, General Agent.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1903. [511c]

Intimations.

BABIES AND CHILDREN

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Hongkong, 14th April, 1899.

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1903.

AN IMPORTANT PUBLICATION.

The returns of the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs, as published in the *Customs Gazette*, for the third quarter of 1902, are of more than ordinary interest, inasmuch as regards two-thirds of the period covered, the revenue was collected under the new tariff. But instead of any very appreciable difference in the collection we find only a small increase over and above the total receipts in 1899, which was conducted under the old scale of duties. It appears that the amount collected during the period, July to September last, amounted to Hk. Tls. 7,725,609, or nearly one million taels larger than the previous year, and more than two millions and a half taels above that in 1900. For the same quarter of 1901 the collection amounted to Tls. 7,626,387, while in 1898 it was Tls. 6,091,247; in 1897, Tls. 6,194,249; and in 1896, Tls. 6,014,860. From the following table will be seen the total collections at the thirty ports, in which Chinwangtao is included for the first time—

Report of Due and Duties, July-September Quarter, 1902: Chinese Ports.

Port.	1902.	1901.	1900.
Newchwang...	227,701	252,579	99,260
Chinwangtao...	5781	nil.	nil.
Tientsin...	703,028	207,726	60,882
Chefoo...	264,435	219,809	88,167
Kiaochow...	24,247	24,247	5,146
Chungking...	43,771	148,293	78,402
Ichang...	100,856	152,857	91,715
Shashi...	5,092	14,212	2,101
Yochow...	7,648	1,173	196
Hankow...	511,074	679,173	863,737
Kiukiang...	192,830	219,318	203,167
Wuhu...	180,709	112,817	111,500
Nanking...	44,370	55,027	33,335
Chinkiang...	255,211	229,993	177,914
Shanghai...	2,716,151	2,161,216	1,249,453
Soochow...	34,096	44,673	7,992
Hangchow...	228,325	207,037	226,527
Ningpo...	200,584	232,247	227,174
Wenchow...	24,700	19,039	14,663
Santow...	20,616	31,201	45,106
Foochow...	300,131	283,229	451,959
Amoy...	255,667	175,388	149,911
Swatow...	408,190	399,383	361,606
Canton...	655,493	551,781	403,976
Samshui...	38,149	34,809	21,278
Kongmoon...	14,767	9,296	8,058
Kumchuk...	10,498	7,188	3,559
Wuchow...	92,070	108,041	69,826
Kiungchow...	70,960	61,622	38,535
Pakhoi...	38,387	46,199	30,300

Total... 7,725,609 6,761,594 5,163,795
From the above, it will be seen that substantial increases occur at Tientsin and Shanghai, while appreciable advances are recorded from Canton, Chefoo, Kiaochow, Yochow, Wuhu, Chinkiang, Wenchow, Foochow, Amoy, Swatow, Samshui, Kongmoon, Kumchuk, Kiungchow, and Shashi. Large decreases appear in the returns from Hankow, Hangchow, Ichang and Chungking, and a falling off is reported by the Commissioners at Newchwang, Kiukiang, Nanking, Soochow, Ningpo, Santow, Wuchow, and Pakhoi. Additional interest is also furnished by the different heads under which the revenue was collected. They are as follows, the figures being in Haikuan taels:—

	1902.	1901.	1900.
Import Duty	2,916,258	1,748,160	836,777
Export Duty	2,241,008	2,651,783	2,498,151
Coast Trade Duty	385,554	342,359	186,943
Opium Duty	494,923	601,919	463,641
Tonnage Dues	227,314	210,543	139,803
Transit Dues	459,955	227,464	128,809
Opium Likin	972,597	979,036	907,581

Total... 7,725,609 6,761,594 5,163,795
The above table shows a very large gain in import duty, moderate gains in coast trade duty and tonnage dues, and a considerable gain in transit dues. There was a substantial decline in export duty, which was even below the amount collected in 1900, a considerable decline in opium duty, due to a falling-off of over Tls. 96,000 in the amount derived from native opium, and a trifling one in opium likin. The quarterly returns of trade from the collecting stations of Kowloon and Lappa are issued as appendices, and from them we make the following extracts regarding the more local statistics. The stations at present controlled by the Kowloon Customs are six in number, viz., Taishan, Lintin, and Samchun, on the north and west; Samun, on the east; and Shaichung and Shatowkok, on the Miao Bay littoral. Regarding the duties and likin collected the revenue shows a falling off for the quarter from Tls. 82,235,154 in the corresponding period of 1900, Tls. 109,931,422 in 1901, and Tls. 76,883,369 in the third quarter of 1902. The opium duty collected

amounted to Hk. Tls. 5,637,243 as against Hk. Tls. 5,256,862 in the 1901 quarter, and Hk. Tls. 3,009,000 in 1900; while the collection of likin rose from Hk. Tls. 8,024,000 in 1900, Hk. Tls. 14,018,300 in 1901, to Hk. Tls. 15,032,650 for the third quarter of last year. Malowchow, Tungsho and Chienshan, with the substations of Skekkok, Kuttai, and Kwanchiap are under the control of the Lappa Customs, and from the returns furnished by Mr. W. Noyes Morehouse we notice the collection of duties and likin for the quarter in question shows a very favourable increase over and above the amounts received for the corresponding periods of 1900 and 1901. For the July-September quarter last year the total collection was Tls. 130,775,321 as compared with Tls. 97,151,849 in 1901, and Tls. 88,450,546 in 1900. The opium duty collected was, in the 1902 quarter, Hk. Tls. 21,896,625, in 1901, Hk. Tls. 12,784,500, and in 1900, Hk. Tls. 12,384,000. The comparative statement of likin collected is as follows:—1902, Hk. Tls. 58,391,000; 1901, Hk. Tls. 34,092,000; and 1900, Hk. Tls. 33,024,000. The quantity of opium imported was 507.93 piculs Patna, and 34.49 piculs boiled, as against 369.99 Patna, and 0.54 boiled, in 1901, and 361.08 Patna in 1900. Other interesting items are also dealt and in a future issue we hope to again refer to the subject.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

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THE annual meeting of shareholders in and subscribers to the City Hall will be held on Thursday next, in the building.

H.M. Sloop *Pringle* and *Phoenix* left Hongkong yesterday. The *Algerine* started for Formosan ports and will probably return about the 20th prox.

LAST evening the members of the Lusitano Club gave a masque ball at their Club rooms. Dancing commenced at 9 p.m., and was maintained with great vigour till midnight.

THE Japanese instructional squadron consisting of the armoured cruisers *Hatsudate*, *Matsushima*, and *Isukushima* arrived from the North this afternoon. The usual salutes were fired.

THE C.M.S. *Moyn* had a very bad passage of 22 days from Tacoma to Yokohama. One Chinese sailor was washed overboard and drowned, it being impossible to rescue him, and much damage was done on deck.

THE British battleship *Glory* arrived from Mrs. Bay, and the United States monitor *Monterey* came in from Canton on Saturday. The German gunboat *Illir* left drydock at Kowloon yesterday and steamed to Canton with the *Tiger*. The cruiser *Geier* left for Singapore.

THE total quantity of strawbraid exported from Kobe during the month of January shows an increase of 300,000 bundles as compared with the total for the corresponding month of last year. The shipments to Hongkong comprised 112,935 bales, valued at Yen 42,600.00.

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IN the indictment preferred against Col. Lynch the prisoner was charged with having on January 18, in the sixtieth year of the reign of her late Majesty Queen Victoria, at Pretoria, "not having the fear of God in his heart, and being moved and seduced by the instigation of the devil," aided the enemies of the Queen.

RETURN of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending 22nd Feb, 1903:—

	Library	Museum
Non-Chinese	344	125
Chinese	147	4,717
Total	491	4,842

As will be seen by reference to our advertisement columns the departure of the next French mail steamer s.s. *Annam* for Europe will be on Tuesday, the 10th March, at 11 a.m. instead of as hitherto on Monday, at 1 p.m. The local agent announces that no cargo will be received on board on Tuesday; shipping orders will be granted till noon only on Monday, the 9th proximo.

THERE has been a current rumour to the effect that a Shell-line steamer is ashore. A *Telegraph* representative, however, on making inquiries at the local agents of the Company, Messrs. Arnold, Karberg and Co., was informed that they had heard no such news. The s.s. *Sabine Rickmers*, two days overdue, arrived this morning after experiencing very rough weather and the s.s. *Dulles*, though expected shortly, is not yet due.

A CABLE from New York says:—The St. Louis Exposition authorities have notified Governor Taft that it will be impossible for them to allow \$250,000 for the expenses of the Philippine exhibit. Many heavy demands have already been made upon them and the proportionate share of the Philippines will fall considerably below that amount. The allowance which will be made has not yet been determined.

A six-wheel "Follett Numbering Machine" is just what you need. Call and see them at LeMunyon's.—*Adv.*

DR. Pentecost will lecture before the Odd Volumes Society to-morrow at the City Hall at 5.15 p.m. on *The Reasonableness of Christianity*. The public are invited. This will be the last opportunity of hearing him and full advantage should be taken of it.

THE following telegraphic information, dated 16th inst., has been received from the Sumatra Director and Manager of the Maatschappij tot Mijn Boschen Landbouwexploitatie in Langkat, Ld.:—

Daily aggregate output of Crude Petroleum in Tanks at date ... 62,000 Cases.
Crude Petroleum in Tanks at date ... 320,000 Cases.
Kerosene made since the date of the preceding half-monthly telegram ... 55,000 Cases.
Kerosene shipped since the date of the preceding half-monthly telegram ... 49,000 Cases.
Kerosene in stock at Refinery at date 93,603 Cases.

A MILITARY inquiry is pending at Bari, Rome, to ascertain how Lieutenant Modugno, lately returned from China, could purchase an estate in Italy for £12,000, it being notorious that when he joined the Italian expedition in China he was a poor man. The lieutenant explains that in China he had acquired from a native two splendid vases at a nominal price, which he subsequently sold at an immense profit to an American of the name of Charles. It is, however, rumoured that, being sent in command of a detachment to occupy Shan-hai-kwan, he had entered and thoroughly ransacked the dwelling of a rich mandarin. The inquiry has been suspended because Lieutenant Modugno has just been arrested on a charge of having murdered his wife.

MANY qualities that combine to make the attractive and successful speaker meet in Dr. Pentecost, observes a correspondent. Of his style it may be said "though deep—yet clear"; of his teaching that it is absolutely free from endeavour to experiment on human credulity. He does not ask his auditors to take him at his word or to pin their faith upon his expositions of the Scriptures. Yet Dr. Pentecost's teaching is marked by definiteness and much of it is expressive of those eternal laws that underlie the very constitution of life and society. These facts once recognized, the Bible as now read and expounded in the City Hall seems to be invested with a new grandeur and dignity. This is, doubtless, the reason why throughout last week large audiences assembled in the Hall and theatre.

THE eighth general meeting of the shareholders of the China Flour Mill Co., Ld., has been held. The results of last year's workings were extremely satisfactory, the profit and loss account, including a balance of Tls. 4,344.63 brought forward from last year, showing a credit balance of Tls. 65,356.32. During the year the directors decided to issue the remainder of the authorised capital, viz., Tls. 100,000. Of the credit balance Tls. 19,100 were written off for buildings, machinery, and furniture, Tls. 5,910.17 was paid to Agents as per agreement and the remainder appropriated as follows: Interim dividend of 6 per cent, Tls. 12,000.00; Final dividend of 10 per cent, Tls. 28,000.00; Placed to Reserve fund, Tls. 15,000.00; Carried forward to new account, Tls. 2,536.15. The buildings, machinery, etc. were stated to be in excellent order.

For Numbering your Checks and Stubs, Card Systems, Tickets, Druggists' Prescriptions, Labels, Drafts, Orders, Receipts, Letters and all documents and articles that require Correct and Legible numbering use the "Follett Numbering Machine." C. E. LeMunyon, 31 Des Vaux Road, Sole Agent.—*Adv.*

THE HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAM BOAT CO., LTD.

An extraordinary general meeting of the above company was held at 11 a.m. to-day in the company's offices when the resolution, which was passed at the extraordinary general meeting of the company held on the 7th February, 1903, was submitted for confirmation as a special resolution.

The Hon. C. W. Dickinson occupied the chair, and there were also present, the Hon. R. Shewan, Messrs. C. Michelau, N. A. Siebs, F. Goetz, F. A. Gomes, T. Arnold (secretary), John Arnold, J. Barton, E. R. Fuhrmann, O. Struckmeyer and K. McK. Ross.

After the secretary, Mr. T. Arnold, had read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen, as indicated in the notice just read, the object with which we are met to-day is to confirm the resolution passed on the 7th inst., the effect of which, as I then stated, will, in the opinion of your Directors, be most beneficial to the company. I therefore move the confirmation of the following resolution:—That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following: (a) In article 79 the word "Nine" shall be substituted for the word "Seven." (b) In Article 88 the words "nine thousand" shall be substituted for the words "seven thousand."

Carried unanimously.
The Chairman:—This is all the business, gentlemen. I thank you for your attendance.

THE KWANGTUNG DISTURBANCE.

The *Sin Wan Pao* gathers that the rebels captured at Canton were tried by the magistrates of Namhoi and Panhui districts with the German Consul sitting as Assessor. According to our Kwangtung contemporaries, the German Consul insisted at the trial that those captives who were employed by Germans or converts of the German Mission should be at once released, but the Vagabonds would not consent as their offence amounted to a breach of public peace. It is again reported that one of those captured by name, Sh. Tze-ming, who was a comrade to a certain business house, was imprisoned after the trial.

[This is a complete corroboration of our well-informed Canton correspondent's report.—Ed. H.K.T.]

GUNPOWDER AND RIFLES.

INTERESTING CRIMINAL CASE AT HONGKONG SESSIONS.

Judging by the calendar issued for the February Criminal Sessions the business was not going to prove of more than usual concern, but at the last moment a case of very great interest was heard. Owing to pressure on our columns last evening we were unable to print the report of the very interesting facts bearing on the supply of arms in this Colony, which under easily conceivable circumstances might get into the hands of the Kwangtung rebels. It was a case in which Ng Lai Kok, comrade to Messrs. Lutgens Einmann and Co., was brought before the Chief Justice, Sir W. Meigh Goodman, to answer a charge of embezzlement. The Attorney-General, Sir H. S. Berkeley (instructed by the Crown Solicitor), prosecuted for the Crown, and Mr. M. W. Slade (instructed by Mr. J. S. Harston, of Messrs. Ewens and Harston), appeared for the defence.

The prisoner pleaded "not guilty" and a jury was empanelled, all other than Europeans being told to stand aside. The "seven good men and true" comprised: Messrs. J. Lyssaught, H. J. Macgowan, A. Sheffield, R. Ferguson, C. Warren, J. Lacey, and G. H. Dann.

In opening the case, Sir Henry said, the present jurors were selected, firstly, because of their knowledge of the English language, and secondly, because they were practical men of business; the case being one of commercial importance. The prisoner was charged with having embezzled \$600 on 12th December last, \$1,200 on 15th December last, and \$1,500 on 17th December last, the monies of his masters, Messrs. Lutgens Einmann and Co.

The first witness, Mr. Ludwig Magnus Hubert Boissere, when examined stated that he was manager in Hongkong and Canton for the firm of Messrs. Lutgens Einmann and Co. The prisoner, who was employed by the firm up to the 15th January, as comrade under an agreement, had not informed him that goods were required by a certain U Yik Ki, or accounted for the money received by him on that occasion. He knew the chops on three receipts produced in Court, and said that they were impressions of the Chinese chop of the firm. The firm authorized the comrade to use the chop, and knew U Yik Ki as a partner in the business.

While at Canton on business, in consequence of what had been communicated to him, he had an interview with the prisoner in the presence of the German Consul. He told the prisoner that certain money, about \$3,000, had been paid to him by the Sui Wo Tsung firm against goods, and that they claimed delivery. And when interrogated, the prisoner replied "That is my private business." The receipts were signed "Ng Lai Kok" and chopped "Yee Shun Foreign Firm, accountants room." (The receipts did not mention what goods were to be delivered, and up to the present no reference to arms or ammunition had been made). When interrogated by Mr. Slade, the witness stated that his firm had a large stock of firearms and ammunition, amounting to about \$100,000 worth, left on their hands in consequence of the Arms Ordinance of 1899. Since the passing of that Ordinance they had been unable to sell but little. He had urged the comrade to get purchasers for the arms, and told him that he could only sell to licensed dealers in Hongkong. He knew that last September there was only one licensed Chinese dealer, and that the fact of there being only one, restricted the sale of arms, but he had never urged the prisoner to start another licensed arms shop.

Further questioned about his firm's dealings in arms last year the witness swore that his firm did not last year keep the "Arms Sales Book." The Chief Justice pointed out that by not keeping the proper book he had rendered himself liable to a fine of \$50, but the witness, after speaking to the clerk who had charge of the books of the firm, repeated this statement. Questioned on the price his firm charged to the Fuk Loong, the new arms-shop whom, it was suggested that the prisoner had promoted for the purpose of enabling the firm to clear their stock of arms, the witness stated that he had contracted to sell them 320 kegs of gunpowder, at \$4.50 a keg, and Peabody rifles at \$8 each.

Mr. Fany Helt said he was a salesman to Messrs. Lutgens Einmann and Co. U Yik Ki, who was the representative of the Sui Wo Tsung firm, had complained to him about the prisoner, referring to the non-delivery of goods, and Mr. U Yik Ki, interrogated by the Attorney-General, stated that he was a partner in the Sui Wo Tsung firm, No. 23, Queen's Road Central, merchants in foreign goods. The Sui Wo Tsung firm had had dealings with the Yee Shun firm. About the end of last year he paid money to the prisoner for the delivery of certain goods from the Yee Shun Yeung Hong, and had received from them the three receipts produced, chopped "Yee Shun Yeung Hong, accountants' department," and signed by the prisoner.

Mr. Slade:—What does your firm deal in? Witness:—Foreign goods.

What sort of goods?—Lamps, etc.

Do you deal in firearms?—No.

In December did you get an order for firearms?—Yes.

From whom?—From an agency in the country.

You mean in China?—Yes.

What were they required for?—They were required by a department for keeping soldiers from robbery.

Is it a Government Department or a private society?—A private society.

The Chief Justice:—Or, in other words, to supply arms to the rebels.

Mr. Slade:—Had you any letters about it?—I received a letter from the department, but have destroyed it.

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TELEGRAMS.

(Reuters.)

Mr. Chamberlain in Cape Town.

LONDON, February 22nd.
Mr. Chamberlain has received a Dutch deputation in Cape Town. The deputation was headed by Messrs. Hofmeyr and Merriam and the proceedings were most cordial, the delegates tendering their thanks to Mr. Chamberlain.

The Admiralty and Belleville Boilers.

The Admiralty have definitely discarded Belleville boilers, replacing them by the latest cylindrical type.

National Labour Conference.

At a National Labour conference held today at Newcastle it was decided to create a fund in order to fight elections independently of Liberals, Socialists and Conservatives, also to pay Labour Members of the House of Commons an annual salary of £200.

LATER.

The Macedonian Reform Scheme.

The Russian and Austrian Ambassadors presented the Grand Vizier with the Macedonian Reform Scheme yesterday.

The United States.

Laying the foundation stone of an Army War College at Washington, President Roosevelt, in the course of a speech, said that the trend of events had forced the nation to become a world power with responsibilities in the Occident and the Orient.

Chinese Labour for South Africa.

A Commissioner of the Johannesburg Chamber of Mines has started for China to investigate Chinese labour with a view to its employment in the Transvaal Mines. The Commissioner will first visit London and afterwards California where he will also make inquiries.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES.

AT THE SUPREME COURT.

Dinshjee Sorabjee, baker and confectioner, v. Dinshjee Ruttonjee, of the Queen's Hotel, came on for hearing at the Supreme Court this morning. Mr. C. C. Master, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes, and Master, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., instructed by Mr. Davis, for the defendant.

The claim was for specific performance of an agreement entered into last December when the defendant agreed to engage the plaintiff to serve as a storekeeper's assistant, baker, and confectioner for three years. In the alternative the plaintiff claims £1,402.78 being as to £102.78 balance of salary, and £1,300 damages for the breach by the defendant, and for wrongful dismissal. The plaintiff in order to bring his claim within the Summary Jurisdiction reduced the amount to £1,000.

The plaintiff was non-suited with costs.

HORSES AND PONIES

SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION.

Just before tiffin hour to-day, Mr. Hughes, of Messrs. Hughes and Hough, put up for sale by auction, opposite the City Hall, several horses and ponies. Brilliant, the winner of the Hongkong Derby and Garrison Cup, was first, but the owner, Colonel Hughes, bought her in at \$675. Doki, a donkey marked China pony, was knocked down to Mr. Kwan for \$90, and the same gentleman bought Ngai, a Burma gelding, for \$20, another China pony lately imported from Shanghai for \$150, and Mok, a China gelding, for \$45. Chee Sit, second in the Hongkong Derby, winner of the Flyaway Stakes, and winner of the Grand Stand Stakes, fetched \$255 from Mr. Runj-han. Disgust, winner of the "Visitor's" Cup, and third in the Exchange Plate, was bought in at \$225. Mr. Sharp secured a Canadian gelding for \$370, and Lady Lena, winner of the Chee Sai Cup, and second in the Maiden Stakes, was bought in at \$275. A 3-year-old, a Water mare, was bought in at \$605, and Dod, also a Water mare, at \$375. Mirabel, a Water mare, fetched \$300 from Mr. Potts, and Mr. Kitchener secured a brown mare for \$495. Susan ended the list and changed hands at \$380, Mr. Blason being the new owner.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council will be held on Friday, 27th February, 1903, 3 p.m.

BUSINESS.

1. Financial Minute. (No. 3).
 2. Report of the Finance Committee. (No. 1).
- ORDERS OF THE DAY.
1. Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend The Merchant Shipping Consolidation Ordinance, 1899, and to amend The Merchant Shipping Amendment Ordinance, 1901.
 2. Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Laws relating to the Punishment of Flogging.
 3. Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to provide for the Surrender of Fugitive Criminals from the Territory of each of the Malay States—Perak, Selangor, Pahang and Negri Sembilan.
 4. Revision of the Jury List.

R. F. JOHNSTON,

Acting Clerk of Councils.

N.B.—A meeting of the Finance Committee will be held immediately after the Council.

COTTAM & CO. FOR GENTS' BATHING GEAR.

THE KOWLOON CITY MURDER.

The native, who was charged on remand with the murder of his wife and his grand-father, was brought before Mr. F. A. Hazeland this morning. Mr. F. J. Baley conducted the case on behalf of the prosecution, and Mr. F. X. D'Almada defended. It seems that on the night of 1st January 1903, the grand-parents of the defendant, who were asleep in the upper storey of a house in Kowloon City, were awakened by the cries of their grand-children. On going downstairs, the grand-father saw a heap of cushions, etc., burning by the door. He kicked the heap in order to put out the fire, but was suddenly attacked by the defendant, with a chopper in his hand. The grand-father, who stood near, was also attacked and after a hard struggle the assailant was overpowered, and pressed to the ground until the arrival of an Indian sergeant whose attention was drawn by the young grand-daughter who escaped by the side-door. She, however, was chopped in both hands. When the sergeant arrived the defendant's wife, covered with blood and wounds, was found in a dying condition in a cubicle, and was removed to the Government Civil Hospital in company with the three persons. She expired soon afterwards, and the grand-father subsequently died in the hospital. Prisoner was committed for trial.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO.

The following are the accounts attached to the report in our issue last evening, and which had to be held over owing to want of space:—

BALANCE-SHEET.

31st December, 1902.

Liabilities.	
Capital account	\$ 400,000.00
Reserve fund	1,000,000.00
Extra reserve fund	727,600.42
Accounts payable:—	
Dividend for 1901	\$120,000.00
Bonds for 1901 and sundries	160,828.28
Working account, 1902:—	
Balance at credit	\$62,897.67
	\$1,871,676.37

Assets.

Cash at bankers	\$ 40,942.76
Fixed deposits at banks:—	
Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	\$195,000.00
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China	75,000.00
Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Ltd.	50,000.00
Deutsch-Asiatische Bank	50,000.00
Investments:—	
Chinese Imperial Government Bonds	\$ 87,759.65
Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., debentures	103,152.50
Hongkong Club debentures	470.00
Hongkong Hotel Co., Limited, debentures	50,000.00
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd., debentures	49,877.40
Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd., debentures	8,472.22
Shares in public companies at cost	65,978.25
	412,249.02

Loans on mortgage:—	
On properties in Hongkong	984,800.00
Rural building lots, Nos. 428 & 447	
Assigned by executor of mortgagee	7,500.00
Furniture account:—	
Office furniture, &c.	650.00
Accounts receivable:—	
Premium due from agencies, interest due on deposits and investments, &c.	55,543.59
	\$1,871,676.37

WORKING ACCOUNT.

31st January to 31st December, 1902.

To charges account:—	
Rent, salaries, legal and surveyors' fees, taxes, stamps, stationery, &c.	\$33,797.74
Directors' and auditors' fees	7,400.00
To commission account:—	
Agents' commissions	24,108.51
To fire brigade account:—	
Contributions at agencies, &c.	163.45
To losses account, 1902:—	
Claims paid after deduction of re-insurances	73,734.01
To amount written off:—	
Furniture account	70.00
To balance	262,897.67
	\$402,171.38

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By premium account:—	
Premium received after deduction of re-insurances	\$286,969.88
By interest account:—	
Amount at credit, including interest due on deposits and investments, &c.	115,600.44
By transfer fee account:—	
Amount at credit	141.05
	\$402,171.38

COTTAM & CO. FOR WASHING BOW TIES.

FOOTBALL.

V.R.C. v. H.M.S. "ARGONAUT" ASSOCIATION SHIP D.

At the club ground on Saturday, there was a large attendance to watch the tussle between these teams in the second round of the shield competition. Soldiers and sailors naturally predominated, representatives from every man-of-war in the harbour being present, while the Derby's were well represented as backers of their comrades on the sea. There were many lady visitors both on the ground and in the pavilion, and the greatest excitement prevailed from the opening kick to the final whistle of Referee Sergt Harpur of the Ocean. After the ball was started, at about five minutes past four, the V.R.C.'s got well up against their opponent's goal, Heron making two very good shots which were quickly fired out by the man in blue. The naval men then had a good run up the field, but were stopped by Henderson, who got in a well-timed kick. The ball was again brought down by the Victorians, and the run ended by Humphreys taking a clean shot, which just scraped the post and went behind. The Argonauts then kicked off, and took the leather away up the field and, after a bit of a scrimmage, nobody being quite certain who had possession, Paton luckily put the ball into the net and thus, after about ten minutes' play, scored the only goal of the day—in favour of the Argonauts. After this event the play of the sailors showed up wonderfully well. "Sandy," with his comrade at the back, repelling nearly every effort of the red striped men. The sailors kept the ball most of the time well up against the V. R. C. goal, and if luck had not been dead against them would undoubtedly have notched another goal or two. They took several corners, but their man misjudged the wind, as every time the ball went behind. A foul was given against Humphreys for charging a man in the back—an occurrence which has often been seen during the matches this season. A give and take game, with an occasional desperate burst from the Victorians, continued until the whistle was blown for half-time. The few minutes interval up, the referee gave the signal and the leather was soon on its way to the V.R.C. goal. The left wing of the sailor team was very fast, and Mitchell, for the Club, proved useful many times with both his head and feet in stopping these rushes. Both Lapsley and Duncan were kept busy for a few minutes. Heron put in some very smart work, at times getting the ball near the hands of the naval goalkeeper, but, unfortunately, the only forward to back him up was Holmes, and what could two men, good as they were, do against the halves and backs of the Argonauts? Sayer got the ball a few times, but did not keep it long, for Clissold, the right half of the naval team, was always in the scene. Just at this time Lapsley unfortunately got pumped in a fall, and for some few minutes made a plucky attempt at play though he was still feeling the shock of his tumble badly. A similar occurrence happened later to one of the naval forwards, the game continued to be very exciting, the supporters from the ships cheering lustily. "Good on you, Sandy." "Well played, Mr. Brown, Sir," and so on. Both teams worked hard, the V.R.C. to equalize and the sailors to increase their advantage. But the game finished with the score standing—Argonauts 1, V.R.C. nil. The combination of the sailors was very fine, the forwards very tricky and fast, their halves very steady and the backs as safe as houses—English houses not those of Hongkong. The home team did not show up as brilliantly as on the occasion of their defeat of the R.A.'s. Heron and Holmes did most of the work forward, while Humphreys often spoilt a chance by blundering into play seemingly with no notion of what he was going to do. Sayer and Seth did not have much of a show, their respective antagonists being too smart for them. Mitchell played a good hard game as also did Austin, while Henderson got in one or two good kicks, but most of the time proved too slow for the naval men. Lapsley and Duncan had as much as they could do to keep down the game and helped to a large extent to keep down the score of their opponents. Fittock, in goal, kept his head cool and punished out the leather on several occasions while the supporters of the V.R.C. were holding their breath thinking it would be sent through. It was a rattling good game, but the Victorians were undoubtedly outclassed, and with any luck the Argonauts would have put on at least two more goals to their score. A contest between the Glory team and the Argonauts ought to be a very fine, fast game, and would be well worth a rickshaw run to the goal.

THE PORT.

The following arrangements have been made:—

On Thursday next at 4 p.m. in the second round for the Shield, H.M.S. Glory will play 80 Company R.A. The winner of this tie will play H.M.S. Ocean on Saturday, March 7th. On Saturday next at 4 p.m. the Hongkong Football Club will have a match under Rugby rules.

Thursday, March 5th, Shield Semi-final—H.M.S. Argonaut v. B. Company, S.F., at 4 p.m.
Saturday, March 7th, Shield Semi-final as stated above.

Saturday, March 14th, Final tie. Presentation Shield and 11 gold medals.

Saturday, March 21st, International match—Scotland v. The World.

Saturday, March 28th, The Ninth Annual Dinner of the Hongkong Football Club.

The new coinage to be turned out by H.E. Yu in Shik-kai's mint includes Kuping tael pieces, a little larger than the present Mexican, 50-tael-cent, 20-tael-cent, and 5-tael-cent pieces, with three kinds of copper coins, 10-cash, 10-cash, and 5-cash pieces, but only 10-cash coins will be minted at the outset.

COTTAM & CO. FOR SUN HATS.

FATAL LANDSHIP

AT LOWER CASTLE ROAD.

Shortly after three o'clock this afternoon a landship occurred at Lower Castle Road, where upwards of 20 men were employed at excavation work. One of them, who happened to be on the summit of the slide, was trampled to death by a huge rock.

THE THEATRE.

LADY HUNTWORTH'S EXPERIMENT.

To-morrow (Wednesday) night and two following evenings will be devoted to the first production in China of *Lady Huntworth's Experiment*, a rattling farcical comedy by R. C. Carton, whose name as author of several most amusing plays will be familiar to most theatre goers. The new work comes with a most excellent reputation from London, America, and Australia, in each of which countries it was voted quite the best farcical comedy of the present day. Mr. Brough's experience with it in Australia was of the most gratifying nature, and in introducing it to Hongkong we cannot do better than quote a Sydney contemporary.

The experiment which Lady Huntworth makes—and which gives the title to Mr. R. C. Carton's bright three-act comedy, is not of a very complicated nature, but it serves to provide the basis of an ingeniously worked out piece, in which some cleverly-drawn characters live and move—and have their being. The comedy is a very different production to the comedy-drama, *Second in Command*, with which Mr. Brough opened his season at His Majesty's Theatre. It is of far lighter texture, and it deals with none of the deep motives of that admirable play. The comedy has a tendency to expand into farce, but the fun is of a character which pleases, without leaving any unpleasant recollection, and the predominant feeling when one rises to leave the theatre is that a delightful evening has been spent. The dialogue is crisp and at times epigrammatic, and the smart things linger agreeably in the memory. The piece, admirably presented as it was by Mr. Brough's capable company, was enjoyed last evening by a warmly appreciative audience, and it should prove a welcome attraction in these times of depression and pessimistic forebodings. A good laugh is a splendid tonic, a marvellous clearer-away of cobwebs, and good laughs are to be had in plenty in the course of *Lady Huntworth's* eventful experiences as a society lady turned cook, and by the devoted attention of her admirers, transformed into a veritable divinity of the kitchen. Mrs. Brough has created a great number of charming roles, so far as Australian audiences are concerned, and her Lady Huntworth is worthy to rank with her most attractive efforts. She plays many parts which make greater demands on her histrionic resources, but few which owe less to their surroundings. She makes Lady Huntworth the success it is by sheer good acting, and by that charm of manner and refinement of style which are peculiarly hers. Mrs. Brough will appear as *Lady Huntworth*, the "lady cook," Mr. Brough has a congenial part in *The Rev. Audley Tiller* and the remainder of the cast will contain most of the Brough Company. On Saturday and Monday next Mr. *Dane's Defence*, a powerful play by Henry Arthur Jones (author of *The Liars*), will be presented for the first time here.

Commercial.

FREIGHT.

In their coastwise freight report dated Shanghai, 18th inst., Messrs. Wheelock & Co. state:—Owing to serious detentions both at Wuhu and Canton involving questions of large sums in demurrage and other difficulties in last season's rice charters, owners of tonnage hitherto regularly supplied to the trade are holding out for guarantees that charter terms will be properly carried out by the native merchants in the future and this has resulted in a temporary scarcity of tonnage with a rising freight market.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON, Telegraphic Transfer	106
Bank Bills on demand	106 13/16
Credits, 4 months' sight	107 1/2
D'cents, 4 months' sight	107 1/2
ON BERLIN, Bank (demand)	111 1/2
ON PARIS, Bank Bills on demand	107
Credits, 4 months' sight	107 2/8
ON NEW YORK, Bank Bills on demand	38 1/2
Credits, 30 days' sight	38 1/2
ON BOMBAY, Telegraphic Transfer	116
On demand	116 1/2
ON SHANGHAI, Telegraphic Transfer	73
Private 10 days' sight	nom.
ON YOKOHAMA, T.T.	76 1/2
Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate	\$12.73
Gold Leaf 100 touch, per tael	66.35
Bar Silver	22 1/2

OPIUM QUOTATIONS.

To-day's quotations are as follows:—	
MAIWA NEW	Per chest \$1,000/1,040
" OLDEST	1,060/1,100
PATNA NEW	1,055
BENARES NEW	1,020
PERSIAN (PAPER)	780/840

Today's Advertisements.

ZETLAND LODGE.

No. 25, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING OF ZETLAND LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on MONDAY, the 2nd March, at 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend. Hongkong, 24th February, 1903. [231e]

WANTED.

WANTED A YOUNG LADY to assist in DRESSMAKING. Experience not necessary. A knowledge of Dressmaking and Millinery gained. Apply to—FAIRALL & CO., 25, Queen's Road Central. Hongkong, 24th February, 1903. [319e]

Today's Advertisements.

WAR DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS.

TENDERS will be received at the HEAD QUARTERS OFFICE, Fletcher Street, until 12 o'clock NOON, on THURSDAY, 5TH MARCH, 1903, for the Undermentioned Supplies and Services for a Period of TWELVE MONTHS from 1ST APRIL, 1903.
1. Hospital Supplies and Medical Comforts.
2. General Supplies and Provisions.
3. Barrack Supplies.
4. Wa. King.
5. Supply of Launches, Junks, Coolies, &c.
Forms of Tender, and any further Particulars can be obtained on application to This Office either personally or by Letter, addressed to the DEPUTY ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL (B) between the hours of 10 A.M. and 4 P.M.
The Tenders must be properly filled up, signed and dated, and no Tender will be noticed unless delivered upon the proper form at the Head Quarters Office by 12 o'clock NOON on the above day, in a closed envelope, marked Tender on the outside.
The right to reject any or all Tenders is reserved.
W. A. C. DENNY, Major, D. A. C. General.

Head-Quarters Office, Hongkong, 23rd February, 1903. [228e]

NOTICE.

CITY HALL.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in and SUBSCRIBERS to the CITY HALL will be held on THURSDAY, 26th instant, at 4 P.M., in the Building.

F. R. L. BOWLEY, Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th February 1903. [229e]

HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 2 Cantonment Road, at NOON, on THURSDAY, the 12th MARCH, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1902. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 12th MARCH, both days inclusive.

EDWARD OSBORNE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th February 1903. [230e]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"CANDIA" FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID, SUEZ, AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 3 P.M., TO-DAY.
Goods not cleared by the 2nd March, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representatives at an appointed hour.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 24th February, 1903. [4]

Today's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

Under the direction of Mr. ROBERT BROUGH, Representative. Mr. ALLAN HAMILTON.

TO-NIGHT (TUESDAY), 24TH FEBRUARY.

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(By arrangement with the author.)

A Military Comedy in Four Acts, by Captain Robert Marshall.

TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY), THURSDAY, FRIDAY, 25th, 26th and 27th FEBRUARY.

First Production in China of

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(By arrangement with the author.)

A Farcical Comedy in Three Acts, by R. C. Carton.

SATURDAY and MONDAY NEXT, 28th FEBRUARY and 2nd MARCH.

First Production in China of

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An original play in Four Acts, by Henry Arthur Jones, author of "The Liars."

Box Plans: A. ROBINSON'S, where seats can be booked six nights in advance.

Dress Circle and Orchestra Stalls, \$1.00.

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Doors Open 8.30. Curtain 9. Chairs, etc., at 11.30. Late Tram to the Peak as usual.

Hongkong, 24th February, 1903. [151e]

PUBLIC LECTURE.

"The Reverend Dr. FENTHOM, D.D., LL.D., has kindly consented to deliver a LECTURE on "THE REASONABLENESS OF CHRISTIANITY" in the CITY HALL, TO-MORROW, the 25th February, at 5.15 P.M. The Undersigned will take the Chair. The Public are invited to the Meeting.

H. E. POLLOCK, Hon. Sec.

Hongkong Odd Volume Society.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1903. [212e]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA.

COLOMBO, BOMBAY, PONDICHERRY, CALCUTTA, DUEOUT, EGYPTE, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEE, AND BLACK SEA PORTS: LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX; ALSO

PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON TUESDAY, the 10th March, 1903, at 11 A.M., the Company's Steamship "ANNAM," Captain Girard, with Mails, Passengers, Specie and Cargo, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES, via Port of Call, WITHOUT TRANSSHIPMENT.

Banana—Pak Choi	3
Bamboo Shoots—Chook Shun	12
Cabbage, Chinese, com.—Kai Choy	3
Cabbage Rrot—Kai Lan Tau	each
Cabbage, (Sanghai)—Yeh Choi	2
Cashoos, bunch—Kai Shun	8
Cauliflower, Large size—Tai Yeh	10
" " Fa	each
Cauliflowr, Medium sized—Cheung Yeh Choi-fa	each
Cauliflowr, Small size—Sai Yeh Choi-fa	6
Carrots—Kan Shun	4
Celery, Chinese—Tong Kan Choy	4
Celery, English—Yeung Kan Choi	6
Celery, White—Pak Yeung Kan Choi	6
Chilles Dried—Com Lat Chiu	20
" Red—lung Fa	12
" Green—Cheng Lat Chin	6
Curry Stuff, English—Ka Lee Choi Liu	26
Cucumbers—Cheng Kwa	6
Ditter Squash—Fu Kwa	6
Ginger—Suen Tai	6
Ginger, pungent—Keung	6
" old—Lo Keung	6
Hoile Radish, Shanghai—Lik Kan	16
Indian Corn—Suk Mai	piece
Lettuce—Yeung Sank Choi	each
" Water Chesnut—Ma Tai	1
" Mandarin—Kwei Lum Ma Tai	5
Mushrooms Fresh—Sang Cho Kho	8
Onions, Bombay—Yeung Chung Tau	4
" Green—Sang Chung	4
" S'hai—Sheung Loi Chung Tau	4
" Japan—Yat Poon	6
Okrros—Mo Ker	1
Parsley, English—Yeung Un Sai	1
" Green Peas—Ging	10
Potatoes, Sweet—An Shu	12
" Shanghai—Sheung Hoi	2
" Tsai	1
" Japan—Yat Poon Shu Tsai	1
" American—Fa Ki	1
" Foodclow—Fuk Chau Shu Tsai	3
" Macao—Oh Moon	3
Pumpkin—Toong Kwa	2
Radish—Hung Lo Pak Tsai	doren
Shalots—Com Chung Tau	26
Spinage (Chinese)—Paw Choi	4
Spinach—Yin Choi	4
Tomatoes—Fan Ker	5
Taro—Wu Tau	2
Turnips, Full (Long)—Low Pak	2
" English—Yeung Low Pak	piece
Vegetable Marrow—Fu Kwa	4
Waters Cress—Sai Yeung Choi	5
Yams—Tai Shu	4

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February 24th.

R. G. HECKFORD,
MANAGER.